

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 69 are pending in the present application. Claims 1 – 28 and 44 – 69 have been allowed, and Claims 29 – 43 have been rejected. Claims 29 – 43 have been amended herein. Reconsideration is requested in light of the amendments and remarks presented herein.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 29 – 43 under 35 U.S.C. § 101. This rejection is respectfully traversed. Notwithstanding, these claims have been amended so they are no longer claiming “an animal.” Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the instant rejection be withdrawn.

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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